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# JOHN J. MYLAN

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IT is my great pleasure to submit this brief retirement tribute to John J. Mylan, my teacher, colleague, and friend over a period of more than 30 years. My first contact with Jack was during the 1973–74 academic year, during which I was a student in the LL.M. (in Taxation) program at New York University and Jack was a visiting professor. I was most fortunate to have Jack teach me the advanced corporate tax course during the spring of 1974. I remember with great fondness that course, as Jack was an outstanding teacher. Upon the occasion of the law school retirement ceremony during the spring of 2007, I reviewed my notes from that 1974 course, and I was not surprised to find the notes reflect a carefully-organized and clearly-presented course. Jack always was prepared and organized, due to his substantial preparation efforts, and I was very pleased to have him as my teacher.

I became a law professor at SMU in 1978, and in the early 1980s, SMU was looking to hire a tax law professor. I immediately recommended Jack, and to SMU's and my personal good fortune, Jack accepted the offer to join the law faculty. He has had a long and distinguished career at SMU as a highly-accomplished and successful classroom teacher.

As a colleague, Jack has been a person of thoughtful deliberation, good will, good judgment, and quiet leadership. He has been a responsible and considerate colleague, who always was willing to discharge his faculty duties. Law faculty members sometimes have surprisingly time-consuming extra-curricular duties. Some of us are better than others at satisfying these duties, and Jack has been a standout in satisfying his responsibilities.

Jack devoted untold hours (many of them late at night at the law school) working on his publications, many of which involved his topic of choice, the taxation of business entities. His efforts were highly successful, as he is acknowledged to be a leading author in the arena of business entity taxation.

I am both happy and sad regarding Jack's decision to retire. I wish him much happiness as he launches this new direction in his life, but I shall miss him greatly.

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